

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (canceled).
2. (currently amended): The multi-piece solid golf ball of ~~claim 1~~ claim 14, wherein said intermediate layer has a gage  $G_1$  of 1 to 1.5 mm.
3. (canceled).
4. (currently amended): The multi-piece solid golf ball of ~~claim 1~~ claim 14, wherein said cover is formed of a cover material having a melt index of at least 3.0 dg/min at 190°C.
5. (canceled).
6. (currently amended): The multi-piece solid golf ball of ~~claim 1~~ claim 14, wherein said multi-piece golf ball is a three piece solid golf ball consisting of a solid core, an intermediate layer, and a cover.

7. (currently amended): The multi-piece solid golf ball of ~~claim 1~~claim 14, wherein said intermediate layer is formed of ionomer resins.

8.-9. (canceled).

10. (currently amended): The multi-piece solid golf ball of ~~claim 1~~claim 14, wherein the gage  $G_1$  of said intermediate layer and the gage  $G_2$  of said cover satisfy  $65\% \geq [G_1/(G_1+G_2)] \times 100 \geq 51.7\%$ .

11, 12 & 13. (canceled).

14. (previously presented): A multi-piece solid golf ball comprising a solid core of at least one layer, an intermediate layer enclosing the solid core, and a cover enclosing the intermediate layer,

wherein said intermediate layer has a gage  $G_1$  of 0.8 to 1.5 mm and a Shore D hardness of 50 to 65, said cover has a gage  $G_2$  of 0.5 to 1.3 mm and a Shore D hardness of 37 to 50 and is formed of an urethane resin, and the gage  $G_1$  of said intermediate layer and the gage  $G_2$  of said cover satisfy  $67.9\% \geq [G_1/(G_1+G_2)] \times 100 \geq 51.7\%$  and said hardness of said intermediate layer is higher than said hardness of said cover, and

wherein said solid core, a spherical body obtained by enclosing the core with the intermediate layer and a spherical body obtained by enclosing the intermediate layer with the

**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
**U.S. Serial No. 09/891,654**

**Attorney Docket No.: Q65201**

cover undergo a deflection of 3 to 4.5 mm, 2.8 to 6.0 mm and 2.5 to 4.0 mm under an applied load of 100 kg, respectively.